



# THE CHINA MAIL.

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**Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.**

**TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, 17/2 THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.**

**PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.**  
Tuesday, Aug. 29.  
Wednesday, Aug. 30.  
Thursday, Aug. 31.  
Friday, Aug. 30.

**THE Steamship "BELGIO" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Amoy and Yokohama, on TUESDAY, 30th August, at 1 p.m., connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.**

**RATES OF PASSAGE**

From Hongkong, FIRST CLASS.  
To San Francisco, Vancouver, New Victoria, Esquimalt, New Westminster, Port Town—\$225.00  
and Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O. ....  
Liverpool and London ..... \$325.00  
Paris and Bremen ..... \$345.00  
To Havre and Hamburg ..... \$355.00  
Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

**RATES OF PASSAGE TO OVERLAND CITIES, FIRST CLASS.**

| DESTINATION.                        | 30 day<br>Ticket. | Continuous<br>Ticket. | Ticket. |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Kansas City, Mo., Omaha, Neb.       | 285.00            |                       |         |
| St. Louis, Mo.                      | 392.50            | 291.50                |         |
| St. Paul, Minn., Minneapolis, Minn. | 292.90            |                       |         |
| Chicago, Ill.                       | 297.50            | 295.00                |         |
| Milwaukee, Wis.                     | 299.50            | 295.00                |         |
| Cincinnati, Ohio                    | 304.25            | 301.50                |         |
| Columbus, Ohio                      | 304.25            | 304.25                |         |
| Detroit, Mich.                      | 304.95            | 302.75                |         |
| Grand Rapids, Mich.                 | 306.50            | 305.00                |         |
| Toronto, Canada                     | 305.95            | 307.45                |         |
| Pittsburg, Penn.                    | 310.25            | 307.00                |         |
| Niagara Falls, N.Y. Buffalo, N.Y.   | 311.00            | 308.50                |         |
| Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Md.    | 317.90            | 311.75                |         |
| Montreal, Canada                    | 319.75            | 315.00                |         |
| Philadelphia, Penn.                 | 319.75            | 315.00                |         |
| New York                            | 319.75            | 315.00                |         |
| Boston, Mass.                       | 321.15            | 317.00                |         |
| Portland, Maine                     | 327.25            | 317.00                |         |

All the above Rates are in Mexican Dollars.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers by this Line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Return Tickets—First Class—Prepaid return tickets to San Francisco will be issued at following rates:

4 months ..... \$337.50

12 months ..... \$393.75

Time is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.

Passenger who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%. This discount does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received by the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the st. previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, August 26, 1892.

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**NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.**

**NOTICE.**

**STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID; BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIQUE PORTS;**

**ALSO, LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.**

**THE COMPANY'S SHIPS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.**

**N—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.**

**O**N SUNDAY, the 13th day of September, 1892, at 10 a.m., the Company's S.S. "BAVERN," Captain D. HAGEMAN, with MALES, PASSENGER'S SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at GIBRALTAR.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 17th September. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agent's Office).—Content of Packages is required.

The Steamship has ample Accommodation and carries a Large and Stevedored.

For further Particulars, apply to:

MELBOURNE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 26, 1892.

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**A RAMBLE THROUGH SOUTHERN FORMOSA.**—By Mr. G. TAYLOR. This Article, which has been reprinted from the "China Review," contains one of the best sketches of Formosa's life yet written. A few roughly-drawn Woodcuts are included in the pamphlet.

May be had—Price, \$1—at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, and Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED, Hongkong; also, Mr. N. MOALIE, Amoy.

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STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLE, BRINDISI, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON:

ALSO, BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK, &c., & BOSTON.

**SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.**

**THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship SURAT, Captain R. J. SLEEMAN, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this port for BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, 1st September, at Noon, (concurrent with the "ORIENTAL" at BOMBAY), with Vessel takes on board for LONDON, and SUEZ CANAL, leaving that port on the 24th SEPTEMBER.**

Specie will be received on board until 4 p.m., Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the same time, and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay. Tea will be sent either via Colombo or Calcutta according to arrangement.

For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Passages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the general conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so upon application at the Company's Office.

This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for MARSEILLE:

H. H. JOSEPH, Superintendent.

& O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, August 23, 1892.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

**PACIFIC MAIL LINE'S**

**COMPANY.**

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON, HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

The Steamship "RADNOVSKY," Capt. F. DAVIDES, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on or about the 16th September.

For Freight, apply to:

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 27, 1892.

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**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

STEAMSHIP LOOSOK,

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

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STEAMSHIP GHAZEE,

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TEN thousand cases of 'Comet' brand kerosene oil were put up for sale at auction to-day by Messrs Hughes and Hough and fetched an average of \$1.37 per case.

A LARGE number of chair and ricksha coolies and bargees to-day, for plying for hire without licenses. Small fines were imposed.

Messrs Dowdall, Garill & Co. inform us that the steamship *Warringtonshire* left Singapore to-day, the 27th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 2nd proximo.

LAI WING boatman, was sent to prison for three months by Mr Wodehouse to-day, for stealing a piece of copper pipe, valued at over \$30, from the German Mail steamer *Nürnberg*.

At the Magistracy to-day Mr Wodehouse fined F. Donovan, Chief Officer, 85 dollars for plucking flowers in the Cemetery at Happy Valley yesterday. Donovan was also ordered to contribute 50 cents to the Cemetery Fund.

A couple of gambling dens were raided yesterday, one at S. Ritter Lane by Acting Sergeant Green and one at Nullah Lane by Acting Inspector Baker, nineteen men in all being arrested. The keeper of the den in Nullah Lane was fined \$75. All the others were fined small sums.

The body of the man who was found murdered, under such brutal circumstances, in Queen's Road West on Thursday morning, has been identified by no less than seven persons. It transpires that he was a coolie named Chang Ho. He was 36 years of age. His family reside in First Street.

The trial of four gardeners for causing the death of a coolie at Yau-tai, which was to have been continued before Mr Hastings to-day, was adjourned till Monday in consequence of Mr H. J. Holmes being engaged in a civil suit in the Supreme Court. Mr Holmes, who appeared for only one of the prisoners at the last hearing, has been entrusted with the defence of all the prisoners.

The Macrae says that by order of the Viceroy of Canton, the mandarin Siu-pung-nan, sub-prefect of Casa Branca, has been banished from his post. It is believed that the dismissal was the outcome of information supplied by the Governor of the district of Haung-hai to the Viceroy, to the effect that Siu had been maintaining close relations with the principal authorities at Macao, which is considered prejudicial to the interests of China. An employee of the Canton Custom House will, it is currently reported, succeed him.

The Californian for August is at least true to its name, for it is nearly all about the Golden State. In the matter of illustrations it seems still to be on the way of improvement, although one might have thought, judging by the preceding number, that improvement was well-nigh impossible. As regards both quantity and quality, the illustrations this month may almost be said to make the magazine unique among its kind. The number contains a couple of short stories, neither of which, is of much interest, and a very laboured and tedious poem in dialect is hardly good enough for the pages of a magazine. Among the more interesting of the articles may be mentioned Mr R. H. McDonald's account of the city of San Francisco (which is profusely illustrated from a series of photographs taken by himself); 'The Crown of the San Gabriel Valley,' by Charles Frederic Holden; 'Baptists in California,' by the Rev. Frank Dixon, and 'A California Loan Exhibition,' by Auguste Wey.

A day or two ago (says the *Daily Chronicle*) a lady, walking in Alpha Road, St. John's Wood, suddenly saw before her on the pavement a singular object, which proved to be a small snake, wearing round its neck a ring studded with gems, to which was attached a slender gold chain ending in another jewelled ring. Startled at first, the lady, however, managed to capture the little animal in the folds of her umbrella, and immediately recognized that she had picked herself up of the tail of Madame Sarah Bernhardt, she was about to set a policeman, when the gates of a villa some yards off were flung open, disclosing the great tragedienne and her attendants frantically searching for the escaped snake.

The list—already a long one—of the things that Lord Coleridge did not suppose to know included two notable affairs. A witness in cross-examination stated that he had expressed the opinion that a certain bill of lading was 'a warm one.' 'Excuse my ignorance,' interrupted the Lord Chief Justice, 'but what does "warm" mean?' The answer was 'warm for them who are so foolish as to think they can buy at the price and have a dividend.' If you said (observed the still unenlightened Judge) that it would be warm for the stoves I could understand. Did you mean that? but the only reply obtained was 'I cannot say.' Shortly afterwards the same witness admitted that he might have said 'warm' if it catched on it will increase our taking.' This again provoked the learned Judge to put the question 'What do you mean by "catches on"?' 'Open the eyes of the public, my lord,' was the reply. 'Cashed on to the Lord Chief Justice, I assure you. Shows what prices they have to pay, my lord,' replied the witness; 'but here the Lord Chief Justice seems to have given the thing up in despair.'

THE Perak Government Gazette notifies the appointment of Lieut. H. G. Metcalfe, 2nd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, temporarily as Acting Assistant Commissioner, 1st Perak Sikhs, with effect from the 20th ultimo.

THE Calcutta Cricket Club proposed to get up a representative Indian team to play Lord Hawke's eleven, which is expected to India next cold season. The present idea is that the leading players of every Presidency and Province in the country should contribute to the Indian team, even some of the Parsee cricketers of Bombay being asked to contribute players to make up an eleven.

We are asked by the secretary of the Bankers' Institute, says the *Stock Exchange*, to mention the fact that the council of the institute are engaged in taking a census of the stock of silver coin held by the banks throughout the kingdom, and have asked them to return, on form which have been sent out for the purpose, the amount of such coin held by each bank. Wednesday last. We are not informed what object the institute has in making the census. Can it be that it is dredging in its lot with the white-metal-line? We know not.

AX Sangir the volcanic outburst has been followed by rains so heavy as to bring on widespread floods which have checked recovery from that calamity. The inhabitants have yet so far reported no damage to their houses about cultivating food products and building materials. The Government are distress the districts by supplies of rice. The damage done by the outburst to coconuts cultivators is estimated at forty thousand piculs of rice, and it will take a year before the surviving trees will yield a crop. Trade in produce has come to a standstill as all the copra had been bought up before the outburst, and fresh supplies are too scanty to admit of many dealers remaining. Many stores and shops have hence been closed, and large numbers of Chinese have left the island.

THE question of the rate of increase of the colored races in the United States, which has given rise to so much ingenious speculation, is brought to the definite test of figures, says an exchange in a Census Bulletin just published at Washington. It appears that the colored element—in which the world, is included—Chinese, Japanese, and civilized Indians—represents 12½ per cent. of the population, while the trifles less than 1½ per cent. The total number of colored persons at the time of the census is shown to have been 5,983,820, and of white persons 54,983,820. Whence imaginations have run riot over the prospect of the future complete swamping of the white in America ought to find comfort in the fact that the increase in the white population in the last decade was rather more than double that of the colored.

IN some of the Bombay papers the difference between a shorthand writer and short-hand reporter is being discussed, written in the *Kathiaoor Times*, which hits upon the precise difference between the two. It is generally understood that the difference is that a shorthand reporter is a superior being to a shorthand writer in general knowledge, and practical training. While the shorthand writer makes a speaker talk nonsense—not infrequently what the speaker actually gives utterance to—the shorthand reporter makes him talk sense, and saves him from being made a laughing-stock. A distinguished Lord once observed that there were not twenty speakers in all England who could bear to be reported as they spoke, and that all their fame as good speakers they owed to reporters. Often the speakers and the audience think that what was talked was all sense, but when the reporter's notes are transcribed he finds that much of it was nonsense, and, unless touched up, fit not for publication in the paper. This is a fact which good orators and expert reporters know only too well.

THE chess editor of the Birmingham *Weekly Mercury* says that the British chess masters do not know what to do with Lester. At all points of the game he is armed with triple steel. They have tried chess games, open games, waiting games, ancient style, modern style, irregular openings, hawkeyed openings—but all in vain. They have tried to out-maneuver him with Dandian combinations, to beat him in the opening, the middle game, and the end. And whatever style of chess he is actually playing one is apt to think his strongest point. He is as ingenious as a bird, as imaginative as Blackburne, as subtle as Gunsberg, as original as Steinitz, as brilliant as Tschigorin, as solid and tenacious as Mason, as astute as Tarrasch, and scientific as half a dozen ordinary masters rolled into one. In future he must be classed with Steinitz, Blackburne, Tschigorin, Gunsberg, and Weiss. The last-named is not often spoken of, but a match-player his place is in the first three. The only question as to Lester's staying power remains to be settled.

That the representative of Jardine, Matheson & Co., who has hitherto been regarded as a follower of the rule that 'silence is golden,' opened the battle with an address which was pointed as well as dignified.

That the 'unwarranted insinuations and statements' made at a previous meeting by the Chairman of the Chamber (Mr E. Mackintosh) against the absent Vice-Chairman (Hon. J. J. Keswick) were met by Mr Bell-Irving with a most emphatic denial.

That the rumours which mixed up Mr Keswick's name with the operations of certain chess syndicates met with an equally emphatic denial; and that these statements and impressions had been used by the opponents of the Share Bill as an argument against its usefulness, it was most pertinent to the discussion that they should be denounced as absolute falsehoods.

That Mr Bell-Irving reiterated what has been said here time and time again, that the great mistake about the Share Bill was that it had not been brought into force two years earlier.

That those who have throughout been most bitter against the Bill admit, by their action, that it acts as a check.

That the real issue seems to be, Does it act as a check upon legitimate share business, or does it merely put the brake upon undue speculation?

That if self-interest be taken as the real basis of argument, and the allegation be admitted that the so-called 'bulls' are strong supporters of the Bill, then the 'bulls' and the sharebrokers must be fighting for their own interest, as against that of the general public and of bona fide investors.

That the 'bulls' and the brokers must be feeling the check imposed by the law, and it must follow that, on the whole, the investing public must be the gainers.

That if this view of the situation is the correct one—and I think it is, and have thought so all along—then His Excellency the Governor cannot do otherwise than look at the subject from the investors' stand-point.

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BATAVIA, the capital of the Dutch East Indian Colonies, will hold an exhibition in 1893. The show to comprise all products of the Dutch colonies, as well as articles of foreign origin which are, or may be, used in the Dutch Indies.

A LADY of fine artistic taste, writes Mr Ashby-Stury in the *Graphic*, has discovered that at church parades her Prayer Book; by its incongruous colour, entirely ruined the effect of a carefully conceived costume. It struck a discord in an otherwise perfectly harmonious dress. This has been remedied by having a cover to her Prayer Book which shall be perfectly in accord with the leading tones of her garments. The Prayer Book cover will henceforth receive as attentive consideration as the bonnet, the gloves, and the sunshade, and no jarring note of colour will be introduced by means of a variety of colours. It is also a big trouble that only one party should be the husband, and that is that all our efforts to save for our children are thwarted by the capacity and wickedness of our Chinese cooks. We have studied the market price list you publish. It may or may not be true, but we find that the cook charges us double the amount for some articles of food. If we insist that they can get cheaper, we are met with the insolent *mais bouch*, and if we persist the cook leaves us. Not only have we a great deal of trouble to get another, but when he does come he is every bit as bad as his predecessor. We are told, half in joke, half in earnest, that he is told, half in jest, to go to the *Shan-tu*—But why should generations of English women's lives be spent and their lives worried out of them, and my shrewd generations of English children be robbed by these men extorting the money out of their parents' pockets which ought to be devoted to their education? Can nothing be done to extirpate this *Chinaman's Cook*?

THAT Mr Granville Sharp is a good speaker, though not always effective.

THAT his picture of the wild ballooning above and beyond the cheek of any Share Bill was graphic and perhaps a little comic, say that if they read the expectations of the *Share Bill* would considerably affect the position of the United Kingdom. A total absence of the *Share Bill* would be a great deal of trouble to take in hand some garishly bedizened novel of to-day.

THAT all the same Mr Sharp was more rhetorical than correct, because the 'sedative and palliative influence' came two years too late.

THAT it might be said Nathan Rothschild and his wet bandages had little or nothing to do with the question at issue, viz., the working of the *Keswick Share Bill*.

THAT the sum and substance of Mr Sharp's speech—for there was substance in it notwithstanding its embellishments—was that the *Share Bill* was a necessary check to unfair speculation, although the past year had not furnished sufficient material for judging correctly as to its working.

THAT we have yet to hear the other side of the argument as to the benefits which have been derived from the Bill, and impartial men will wait until these arguments are forthcoming.

THAT, touching possible modifications of the Bill, I have noticed that throughout the discussion that has taken place on buying and selling shares for forward delivery, no one seems to have sufficiently considered the element of time as regards these contracts.

THAT if the time is reduced, the credit is diminished, also the risk, and to a very large extent the interest: a time gained extending over a long period is bad prima facie.

THAT having lived here many years I am thoroughly convinced that too much credit and too much commercial latitude have been the rule in the past, and if this latitude and credit had been restricted, commercial matters would probably have regulated themselves, as elsewhere, without any assistance from the Legislative Council.

THAT the leader in your morning *Contemporary* on the proceedings of the meeting re by the Chairman of the Chamber (Mr E. Mackintosh) against the absent Vice-Chairman (Hon. J. J. Keswick) were met by Mr Bell-Irving with a most emphatic denial.

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